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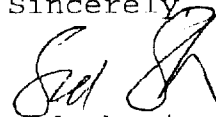
Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA:

Please grant Petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals that are too sick to stand should not be allowed to be slaughtered for human consumption. This use of downed animals poses an increased risk of disease to humans. In addition, downed animals cannot be moved humanely - they must be pushed or pulled with tractors. This is inhumane. No animal should be subjected to such abuse. If such treatment were extended to healthy animals the perpetrators would be accused of animal abuse.

Most downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing a market for downed animals will result in fewer of them.

Sincerely,



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